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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN MILITARY PURCHASES FROM US

REFERENCE: CARACAS 10697

1. FURTHER TO REFTTEL, FOLLOWING DATA CONCERNING VENEZUELAN MILITARY PURCHASES FROM US DURING PAST TWO YEARS IS FURNISHED AS OF INTEREST WHEN CONSIDERING GOV CONTRIBUTION TO US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS:

A. DURING PERIOD NOVEMBER, 1971 - DECEMBER, 1973 TOTAL VENEZUELAN MILITARY PURCHASES INCLUDING CASH, COMMERCIAL SOURCE PURCHASES AND CREDIT BUYS, FOR ALL SERVICES, AMOUNTED TO \$76,368,085.

B. INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE ARE SUCH MAJOR ITEMS AS SIXTEEN OV-10 AIRCRAFT FOR \$18.5 MILLION, TWELVE T-2-C AIRCRAFT FOR \$16.4 MILLION AND SIX S-2-F AIRCRAFT FOR \$5 MILLION.

C. PURCHASES OF OLD DESTROYERS AND SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN WORTH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO US IN MAINTENANCE AND OVERHAUL PAYMENTS; FOR EXAMPLE, SUBMARINES TO BE OVERHAULED IN US YARDS OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL PROBABLY COST GOV SOME \$4.5 MILLION AND ANY MAJOR MAINTENANCE TO SURFACE VESSELS IN US YARDS WILL ADD MUCH MORE.

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2. IN CONTRAST TO FIGURES IN PARAGRAPH 1, MAP TRAINING FURNISHED
TO VENEZUELA AMOUNTED TO \$887,000 LAST FISCAL YEAR AND \$970,000
THIS FISCAL YEAR, WITH ABOUT \$1 MILLION PROJECTED FOR NEXT
FISCAL YEAR.
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